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Many factors, he pointed out, are involved in the establishment and maintenance of this unparalleled record but more important than any other is the emphasis placed by the Army on a high level of professional competence and the careful and determined effort to place this professional competence where it will do the most good. As an example he cited the results of an analysis made of the assignments of surgeons either certified by specialty boards or with equivalent qualifications. This showed, said General Rankin, that "well over 95 percent are performing their appropriate functions while most of the remaining have assumed positions of even greater responsibility which their executive capacity permits and necessity dictates."

### LIEUTENANT COLONEL J.B. BROWN PROMOTED

Lieutenant Colonel James Barrett Brown, MC, chief of plastic surgery at Valley Forge General Hospital, Phoenixville, Pa., was recently promoted to the rank of colonel. He came to the hospital in May 1943, after serving for a year as senior medical consultant in plastic surgery and burns in the European Theater of Operations.

In civilian life Colonel Brown specialized in the practice of plastic surgery and was associate professor of clinical surgery at Washington University School of Medicine, St. Louis, Mo. He is co-author with Dr. Frank McDowell of a volume entitled "Skin Grafting of Burns."

### "THE ROAD AHEAD"

A new weekly radio program, "The Road Ahead," featuring patients in Army and Navy hospitals with Clifton Fadiman as MC, and guest stars, was inaugurated this month over the Blue Network. It is regularly scheduled for Wednesday evenings at 9:00 E. W. T.

Purpose of the program is to build an effective and productive link between the folks back home and those who are being reconditioned under the joint auspices of the Army, Navy and Red Cross. Hospital locale, guest stars and commercial sponsor change weekly.



RECENT PROMOTIONS, MEDICAL CORPS OFFICERS

Colonel to Brigadier General

GEORGE R. CALLENDER, MC, Everett, Mass.  
W. LEE HART, MC, York, S.C.  
THOMAS D. HURLEY, MC, Tulsa, Okla.  
ISIDOR S. RAVDIN, MC, Philadelphia, Pa.

Lieutenant Colonel to Colonel

EDWIN SAXTON BENNETT, MC, South Pasadena, Calif.  
JAMES BARRETT BROWN, MC, St. Louis, Mo.  
FRANCIS JAMES COX, MC, New Orleans, La.  
WILLIAM DONALD GRAHAM, MC, St. Paul, Minn.  
JASPER NEWMAN KNOX, FA, Burlington, Vt.  
RICHARD DYER MUDD, MC, Saginaw, Mich.  
HEWITT HASSALLE ROBINSON, MC, Oakland, Calif.  
CHARLES WILLIAM ROSSNER, DC, New Orleans, La.  
CARL ALFRED SCHUCK, MC, St. Louis, Mo.  
JOHN ROBERT WOODRUFF, MC, Dayton, Ohio.

Major to Lieutenant Colonel

CHARLES WATSON ANDERSON, MC, Clinton, S.C.  
RODERICK ELLIS BEGG, MC, Portland, Ore.  
JOE MORRIS BLUMBERG, MC, Baltimore, Md.  
WALTER BIGELOW BROWN, MC, Hollywood, Calif.  
WARREN THOMPSON BROWN, MC, Woodbridge, Conn.  
WALTER TITUS CARPENTER, MC, New York, N.Y.  
JESSE FRANK CASEY, MC, Perry Point, Md.  
JOHN FRANCIS CRONIN, MC, Cincinnati, Ohio.  
FRANCIS CARL CURTZWILER, MC, Toledo, Ohio.  
HENRIK SOFAS GRAESER, MC, Woodland, Calif.  
LAWRENCE LAFAYETTE GRIFFIN, MC, Galveston, Tex.  
WILLIAM CONGDOM HARRISON, MC, Minneapolis, Minn.  
ABE HAUSER, MC, Houston, Tex.  
JAMES BLAINE HAWORTH, MC, Portland, Ore.  
JACKSON GILBERT HORNING, VC, Houston, Tex.  
FREDERIC JOHN HUGHES, JR., MC, Plainfield, N.J.  
DAVID LOUIS JELLINGER, MC, Bronx, N.Y.  
FRANK CRAIG JOHNSON, MC, Denver, Colo.  
LOUIS JAMES KENNEDY, MC, Clinton, Okla.  
MERRIT HAZEN KIMBALL, MC, Denver, Colo.  
ZENO NICHOLAS KORTH, MC, Omaha, Nebr.  
HENRY BRUSH LACEY, MC, Columbus, Ohio.  
PAYL EUGENE LANCE, MC, Romeo, Mich.  
ROBERT MAURICE LA SALLE, MC, Wabash, Ind.  
FREDERICK LEMERE, MC, Seattle, Wash.  
PAUL VICTOR LEMKAU, MC, Baltimore, Md.  
GEORGE ANDREW LONG, DC, Webster City, Iowa.  
GEORGE THOMAS McCUTCHEN, MC, Columbia, S.C.  
JOSE MALDONADO, MC, Santa Fe, N.M.  
FRED LESTER MOLT, VC, Anadarko, Okla.  
NEWELL LINTON MOORE, MC, Santa Ana, Calif.  
PHILIP JORDAN NOEL, JR., MC, Bowling Green, Ky.  
CLAUDE ALEXANDER NUNNALLY, MC, Fredericksburg, Va.  
THEODORE JOHN PFEFFER, MC, Racine, Wis.  
MAX EUGENE PICKWORTH, MC, San Jose, Calif.  
LESTER TILLERY PORTA, MAC, Oklahoma City, Okla.  
CHARLES ROBERT REIN, MC, New York City, N.Y.  
KENNETH EDWIN RICHARDS, MAC, Valley Stream, L.I., N.Y.  
DONALD RUSSELL ROBERTS, MC, Elkins, W. Va.  
WILLIAM ROSENBLATT, MC, Wichita Falls, Tex.  
WILLIAM CAMP SEALY, MC, Durham, N.C.  
DUDLEY JOHN SHAW, MC, Alliance, Ohio.  
JOSEPH BLACKBURN STEVENS, MC, Greensboro, N.C.  
GARRETT LEO SULLIVAN, JR., MC, Boston, Mass.  
WILLIAM CLARK VAN DEVENTER, MC, Redwood City, Calif.  
VICTOR GEORGE HENRY WALLACE, MC, Darien, Conn.  
EDWARD ARTHUR WESTPHAL, MC, Centerville, Calif.  
LEONARD DAVID WILLIAMS, MC, Plainfield, N.J.  
OSCAR JOHN WOLLENMAN, JR., MC, Corder, Mo.  
BERNHARDT INGEMAN WULFF, MC, Binghamton, N.Y.



PROMOTIONS, OFFICE OF THE SURGEON GENERAL

Major to Lieutenant Colonel

OTIS F. GAY, MC, of Greenville, Ala., Medical Regulating Unit, Operations Service.

ARTHUR C. BAIDEN, MC, of Pelham, N.Y. Professional Administrative Service.

Captain to Major

DAVID W. HILGER, MC, of St. Paul, Minn., Neuropsychiatry Consultant Division.

LESTER T. ROACH, MAC, of St. Paul, Minn., Control Division.

ARRIVALS, OFFICE OF THE SURGEON GENERAL

COLONEL BRYAN C.T. FENTON, MC, of Lincoln, Neb., formerly European Theater of Operations, assigned to Supply Service.

COLONEL I. BRADFIELD SMOCK, MC, of Canton, Ohio, formerly United States Forces Pacific Ocean, assigned to Operations Service.

MAJOR FREDERICK T. BILLINGS, MC, of Baltimore, Md. formerly Redistribution Station, Miami Beach, Fla., assigned to Medical Consultants Division.

MAJOR THOMAS A. HART, SNC, of Carrollton, Ga., formerly Tilton General Hospital, Fort Dix, N.J., assigned to Control Division, Preventive Medicine Service.

CAPTAIN JAMES J. ADAMS, MAC, of Cambridge, Ohio, formerly Toledo Medical Depot, Ohio, assigned to Supply Service.

CAPTAIN JAMES D. BOOLE, MAC, Exmore, Va., formerly Army Ground and Service Forces Redistribution Station, Asheville, N.C., to Military Personnel Division.

CAPTAIN OLAF M. LOYTTY, MAC, of Westfield, N.J. formerly St. Louis Medical Depot, assigned to Personnel Service.

FIRST LIEUTENANT CHESTER M. BLYTHE, MAC, of Shippensburg, Pa., formerly Tilton General Hospital, Fort Dix, N.J., assigned to Military Personnel Division, Personnel Service.

FIRST LIEUTENANT JOSEPH B. LOWEN, MAC, Detroit, Mich., formerly Stark General Hospital, Charleston, S.C., assigned to Purchase Division, Supply Service.

DEPARTURES. OFFICE OF THE SURGEON GENERAL

LIEUTENANT COLONEL FRED J. FIELDING, MC, of Los Angeles, Calif., assigned to Tilton General Hospital, Ft. Dix, N.J.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL JOHN S. POE, MC, of St. Louis, Mo., Mobilization and Operations Division, Operations Service, assigned overseas.

MAJOR KARL BAMBACH, MAC, of Arlington, Va., Purchase Division, Supply Service, returned to inactive status.

MAJOR ROBERT W.W. EVANS, MC, of Lynchburg, Va., Military Personnel Division, assigned overseas.

MAJOR FRANK A. MANTZ, JR., MC, of Cynwyd, Pa., Tropical Disease Control Division, Preventive Medicine Service, assigned 172nd Evacuation Hospital, Fort Jackson, S.C.

MAJOR ENNIS D. SANDBERG, PC, of Eldorado, Kans., Supply Service, assigned to Army Medical Purchasing Office, New York, N.Y.

COLONEL SAMS AWARDED TYPHUS COMMISSION MEDAL

Colonel Crawford F. Sams, GSC, Chief of the Planning Branch, Supply Division, G-4, has been awarded the United States of America Typhus Commission Medal. His citation declares that Colonel Sams "rendered distinguished service from January to August 1943, in connection with the work of the United States of America Typhus Commission. As Chief Surgeon at Headquarters of the United States Army Forces in the Middle East, he aided the Commission personally and administratively in establishing its first Field Headquarters at Cairo, Egypt. He assisted in the organization of the Commission's early studies of typhus control in Egypt and put at the disposal of the Commission, essential facilities for all of its investigations. During the critical period of the initial activities of the Commission in his theater of operations overseas, Colonel Sams contributed sound advice and guidance based on his expert knowledge of the problems to be solved. His assistance was a direct aid to the advancement of typhus control."



## CAPTURE LARGEST NAZI MEDICAL SUPPLY DEPOT

Germany's largest military medical supply depot at Ithringhausen fell into American hands recently when the 80th Infantry Division captured Kassel. According to the Division Surgeon, Lieutenant Colonel Harold J. Halleck, MC, of Winamac, Ind., it contained \$100,000 worth of new surgical instruments of excellent quality, vast stores of pharmaceutical supplies and complete facilities for the production of pills, medical capsules, vials and precision instruments. Nearly 4,200 gallons of wood alcohol were found buried there.

The first Army Medical officer to enter the depot, Captain Henry J. Meyer, MC, of Minneapolis, Minn., said that in strict observance of the Geneva Convention, the German medical personnel left the plant and all medical supplies undamaged. All bacteriological cultures and disease inoculated animals in the adjoining experimental laboratories had been destroyed prior to capture.

The plant and supplies will be used by the Army Medical Department to ease the drain on our own supplies by captured German military and civilian hospitals.

## CAPTAIN LARIMORE DISCUSSES HEALTH EDUCATION

Captain Granville W. Larimore, MC, Chief of the Health Education Unit, Preventive Medicine Service, Office of The Surgeon General, participated in a seminar on health education problems at Harvard University School of Public Health in Boston on May 8th. Captain Larimore outlined the Army's health education program and discussed certain methods and procedures which have evolved out of the vast experience that the Army has had since the start of the War in teaching troops how to maintain and protect their health.

## Refresher Training for Army Dentists

Refresher professional training has been authorized for officers of the Army Dental Corps who have been assigned to other than professional duties or who have been limited to one phase of dentistry for a year or more. Priority will be given those who have served overseas.

This training, which is voluntary, is not intended for dental officers desiring to specialize but provides about three months rotation in all phases of general service. Requests must be initiated by the individual officers concerned and submitted through channels.

## GENERAL LULL ATTENDS PHYSICAL FITNESS CONFERENCE

Major General George F. Lull, USA, Deputy Surgeon General, attended the recent meeting in Chicago of the Joint Committee on Physical Fitness as a member of the Executive Committee. The meeting was devoted to a conference on standards of physical fitness.

The Joint Committee, which represents the American Medical Association and the National Committee on Physical Fitness of the Federal Security Agency, was formed as a result of the "appalling need" for increased physical fitness of civilians which was revealed by Selective Service rejections and health statistics. Colonel Leonard G. Rowntree, MC, Chief of the Medical Department of Selective Service, is Chairman of the Committee. The movement is enlisting the support of schools and colleges, industry, medical and national organizations.

## BRITISH GRATEFUL FOR "DEVOTED CARE"

Surgeon General Norman T. Kirk has received a copy of a formal letter of appreciation written by Lieutenant General G. N. MacReady of the British Joint Staff Mission, on the liberation of British prisoners of war in the Philippines. General Sir Ronald S. Adam, Adjutant General to the Forces is quoted in the letter as stating that all British prisoners liberated from Cabanatuan and Bilibid "speak in glowing terms of the devoted care given to them by American troops after their release, as well as of the excellent administrative and medical arrangements made in the S. W. P. A. and U. S. A. for their homecoming." The letter conveys "the deep appreciation and warm thanks" of the British Army Council to all concerned.



### Colonel Steger Wins Legion of Merit

Colonel Byron L. Steger, MC, Commanding Officer of the 51st General Hospital in the Southwest Pacific, has been awarded the Legion of Merit. The medal was given in recognition of his services from November 1942 to October 1943 when he was Director of Medical Training at the Army Service Forces Unit Training Center, New Orleans, La.

### RESULTS OF OVERSEAS ORTHOPEDIC PROCEDURES STUDIED HERE BY COLONEL HAMPTON

Lieutenant Colonel Oscar Hampton, MC, Consultant in Orthopedic Surgery in the Mediterranean Theater of Operations, who has been on temporary duty at the Office of The Surgeon General, recently visited 23 general hospitals in this country where he studied fracture and orthopedic cases which had received initial and reparative surgery in MTO, to determine the effectiveness of the procedures used overseas in the light of the end results obtained here.

Colonel Hampton, whose home is St. Louis, Mo., went overseas originally as Chief of Orthopedic Section of the 21st General Hospital, Washington University Affiliate. He has served overseas 23 months -- the last 18 months in his present assignment.

### Headquarters Detachment, 1386th Service Command Unit, Honored

The Meritorious Service Unit Plaque has been awarded the 1386th Service Command Unit, Deshon General Hospital, Butler, Pa., "for superior performance of duty by the Headquarters Detachment in the performance of exceptionally difficult tasks, achievement and maintenance of a high standard of discipline during the period 1 July through 30 November 1944."



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Many factors, he pointed out, are involved in the establishment and maintenance of this unparalleled record but more important than any other is the emphasis placed by the Army on a high level of professional competence and the careful and determined effort to place this professional competence where it will do the most good. As an example he cited the results of an analysis made of the assignments of surgeons either certified by specialty boards or with equivalent qualifications. This showed, said General Rankin, that "well over 95 percent are performing their appropriate functions while most of the remaining have assumed positions of even greater responsibility which their executive capacity permits and necessity dictates."

LIEUTENANT COLONEL J.B. BROWN PROMOTED

Lieutenant Colonel James Barrett Brown, MC, chief of plastic surgery at Valley Forge General Hospital, Phoenixville, Pa., was recently promoted to the rank of colonel. He came to the hospital in May 1943, after serving for a year as senior medical consultant in plastic surgery and burns in the European Theater of Operations.

In civilian life Colonel Brown specialized in the practice of plastic surgery and was associate professor of clinical surgery at Washington University School of Medicine, St. Louis, Mo. He is co-author with Dr. Frank McDowell of a volume entitled "Skin Grafting of Burns."

"THE ROAD AHEAD"

A new weekly radio program, "The Road Ahead," featuring patients in Army and Navy hospitals with Clifton Fadiman as MC, and guest stars, was inaugurated this month over the Blue Network. It is regularly scheduled for Wednesday evenings at 9:00 E. W. T.

Purpose of the program is to build an effective and productive link between the folks back home and those who are being reconditioned under the joint auspices of the Army, Navy and Red Cross. Hospital locale, guest stars and commercial sponsor change weekly.



RECENT PROMOTIONS, MEDICAL CORPS OFFICERS

Colonel to Brigadier General

GEORGE R. CALLENDER, MC, Everett, Mass.  
W. LEE HART, MC, York, S.C.  
THOMAS D. HURLEY, MC, Tulsa, Okla.  
ISIDOR S. RAVDIN, MC, Philadelphia, Pa.

Lieutenant Colonel to Colonel

EDWIN SAXTON BENNETT, MC, South Pasadena, Calif.  
JAMES BARRETT BROWN, MC, St. Louis, Mo.  
FRANCIS JAMES COX, MC, New Orleans, La.  
WILLIAM DONALD GRAHAM, MC, St. Paul, Minn.  
JASPER NEWMAN KNOX, FA, Burlington, Vt.  
RICHARD DYER MUDD, MC, Saginaw, Mich.  
HEWITT HASSALLE ROBINSON, MC, Oakland, Calif.  
CHARLES WILLIAM ROSSNER, DC, New Orleans, La.  
CARL ALFRED SCHUCK, MC, St. Louis, Mo.  
JOHN ROBERT WOODRUFF, MC, Dayton, Ohio.

Major to Lieutenant Colonel

CHARLES WATSON ANDERSON, MC, Clinton, S.C.  
RODERICK ELLIS BEGG, MC, Portland, Ore.  
JOE MORRIS BLUMBERG, MC, Baltimore, Md.  
WALTER BIGELOW BROWN, MC, Hollywood, Calif.  
WARREN THOMPSON BROWN, MC, Woodbridge, Conn.  
WALTER TITUS CARPENTER, MC, New York, N.Y.  
JESSE FRANK CASEY, MC, Perry Point, Md.  
JOHN FRANCIS CRONIN, MC, Cincinnati, Ohio.  
FRANCIS CARL CURTZWILER, MC, Toledo, Ohio.  
HENRIK SOFAS GRAESER, MC, Woodland, Calif.  
LAWRENCE LAFAYETTE GRIFFIN, MC, Galveston, Tex.  
WILLIAM CONGDOM HARRISON, MC, Minneapolis, Minn.  
ABE HAUSER, MC, Houston, Tex.  
JAMES BLAINE HAWORTH, MC, Portland, Ore.  
JACKSON GILBERT HORNING, VC, Houston, Tex.  
FREDERIC JOHN HUGHES, JR., MC, Plainfield, N.J.  
DAVID LOUIS JELLINGER, MC, Bronx, N.Y.  
FRANK CRAIG JOHNSON, MC, Denver, Colo.  
LOUIS JAMES KENNEDY, MC, Clinton, Okla.  
MERRIT HAZEN KIMBALL, MC, Denver, Colo.  
ZENO NICHOLAS KORTH, MC, Omaha, Nebr.  
HENRY BRUSH LACEY, MC, Columbus, Ohio.  
PAYL EUGENE LANCE, MC, Romeo, Mich.  
ROBERT MAURICE LA SALLE, MC, Wabash, Ind.  
FREDERICK LEMERE, MC, Seattle, Wash.  
PAUL VICTOR LEMKAU, MC, Baltimore, Md.  
GEORGE ANDREW LONG, DC, Webster City, Iowa.  
GEORGE THOMAS McCUTCHEN, MC, Columbia, S.C.  
JOSE MALDONADO, MC, Santa Fe, N.M.  
FRED LESTER MOLT, VC, Anadarko, Okla.  
NEWELL LINTON MOORE, MC, Santa Ana, Calif.  
PHILIP JORDAN NOEL, JR., MC, Bowling Green, Ky.  
CLAUDE ALEXANDER NUNNALLY, MC, Fredericksburg, Va.  
THEODORE JOHN PFEFFER, MC, Racine, Wis.  
MAX EUGENE PICKWORTH, MC, San Jose, Calif.  
LESTER TILLERY PORTA, MAC, Oklahoma City, Okla.  
CHARLES ROBERT REIN, MC, New York City, N.Y.  
KENNETH EDWIN RICHARDS, MAC, Valley Stream, L.I., N.Y.  
DONALD RUSSELL ROBERTS, MC, Elkins, W. Va.  
WILLIAM ROSENBLATT, MC, Wichita Falls, Tex.  
WILLIAM CAMP SEALY, MC, Durham, N.C.  
DUDLEY JOHN SHAW, MC, Alliance, Ohio.  
JOSEPH BLACKBURN STEVENS, MC, Greensboro, N.C.  
GARRETT LEO SULLIVAN, JR., MC, Boston, Mass.  
WILLIAM CLARK VAN DEVENTER, MC, Redwood City, Calif.  
VICTOR GEORGE HENRY WALLACE, MC, Darien, Conn.  
EDWARD ARTHUR WESTPHAL, MC, Centerville, Calif.  
LEONARD DAVID WILLIAMS, MC, Plainfield, N.J.  
OSCAR JOHN WOLLENMAN, JR., MC, Corder, Mo.  
BERNHARDT INGEMAN WULFF, MC, Binghamton, N.Y.



PROMOTIONS, OFFICE OF THE SURGEON GENERAL

Major to Lieutenant Colonel

OTIS F. GAY, MC, of Greenville, Ala., Medical Regulating Unit, Operations Service.

ARTHUR C. BAIDEN, MC, of Pelham, N.Y. Professional Administrative Service.

Captain to Major

DAVID W. HILGER, MC, of St. Paul, Minn., Neuropsychiatry Consultant Division.

LESTER T. ROACH, MAC, of St. Paul, Minn., Control Division.

ARRIVALS, OFFICE OF THE SURGEON GENERAL

COLONEL BRYAN C.T. FENTON, MC, of Lincoln, Neb., formerly European Theater of Operations, assigned to Supply Service.

COLONEL I. BRADFELD SMOCK, MC, of Canton, Ohio, formerly United States Forces Pacific Ocean, assigned to Operations Service.

MAJOR FREDERICK T. BILLINGS, MC, of Baltimore, Md. formerly Redistribution Station, Miami Beach, Fla., assigned to Medical Consultants Division.

MAJOR THOMAS A. HART, SNC, of Carrollton, Ga., formerly Tilton General Hospital, Fort Dix, N.J., assigned to Control Division, Preventive Medicine Service.

CAPTAIN JAMES J. ADAMS, MAC, of Cambridge, Ohio, formerly Toledo Medical Depot, Ohio, assigned to Supply Service.

CAPTAIN JAMES D. BOOLE, MAC, Exmore, Va., formerly Army Ground and Service Forces Redistribution Station, Asheville, N.C., to Military Personnel Division.

CAPTAIN OLAF M. LOYTTY, MAC, of Westfield, N.J. formerly St. Louis Medical Depot, assigned to Personnel Service.

FIRST LIEUTENANT CHESTER M. BLYTHE, MAC, of Shippensburg, Pa., formerly Tilton General Hospital, Fort Dix, N.J., assigned to Military Personnel Division, Personnel Service.

FIRST LIEUTENANT JOSEPH B. LOWEN, MAC, Detroit, Mich., formerly Stark General Hospital, Charleston, S.C., assigned to Purchase Division, Supply Service.

DEPARTURES. OFFICE OF THE SURGEON GENERAL

LIEUTENANT COLONEL FRED J. FIELDING, MC, of Los Angeles, Calif., assigned to Tilton General Hospital, Ft. Dix, N.J.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL JOHN S. POE, MC, of St. Louis, Mo., Mobilization and Operations Division, Operations Service, assigned overseas.

MAJOR KARL BAMBACH, MAC, of Arlington, Va., Purchase Division, Supply Service, returned to inactive status.

MAJOR ROBERT W.W. EVANS, MC, of Lynchburg, Va., Military Personnel Division, assigned overseas.

MAJOR FRANK A. MANTZ, JR., MC, of Cynwyd, Pa., Tropical Disease Control Division, Preventive Medicine Service, assigned 172nd Evacuation Hospital, Fort Jackson, S.C.

MAJOR ENNIS D. SANDBERG, PC, of Eldorado, Kans., Supply Service, assigned to Army Medical Purchasing Office, New York, N.Y.

COLONEL SAMS AWARDED TYPHUS COMMISSION MEDAL

Colonel Crawford F. Sams, GSC, Chief of the Planning Branch, Supply Division, G-4, has been awarded the United States of America Typhus Commission Medal. His citation declares that Colonel Sams "rendered distinguished service from January to August 1943, in connection with the work of the United States of America Typhus Commission. As Chief Surgeon at Headquarters of the United States Army Forces in the Middle East, he aided the Commission personally and administratively in establishing its first Field Headquarters at Cairo, Egypt. He assisted in the organization of the Commission's early studies of typhus control in Egypt and put at the disposal of the Commission, essential facilities for all of its investigations. During the critical period of the initial activities of the Commission in his theater of operations overseas, Colonel Sams contributed sound advice and guidance based on his expert knowledge of the problems to be solved. His assistance was a direct aid to the advancement of typhus control."



## CAPTURE LARGEST NAZI MEDICAL SUPPLY DEPOT

Germany's largest military medical supply depot at Ithringhausen fell into American hands recently when the 80th Infantry Division captured Kassel. According to the Division Surgeon, Lieutenant Colonel Harold J. Halleck, MC, of Winamac, Ind., it contained "\$100,000 worth of new surgical instruments of excellent quality, vast stores of pharmaceutical supplies and complete facilities for the production of pills, medical capsules, vials and precision instruments. Nearly 4,200 gallons of wood alcohol were found buried there.

The first Army Medical officer to enter the depot, Captain Henry J. Meyer, MC, of Minneapolis, Minn., said that in strict observance of the Geneva Convention, the German medical personnel left the plant and all medical supplies undamaged. All bacteriological cultures and disease inoculated animals in the adjoining experimental laboratories had been destroyed prior to capture.

The plant and supplies will be used by the Army Medical Department to ease the drain on our own supplies by captured German military and civilian hospitals.

## CAPTAIN LARIMORE DISCUSSES HEALTH EDUCATION

Captain Granville W. Larimore, MC, Chief of the Health Education Unit, Preventive Medicine Service, Office of The Surgeon General, participated in a seminar on health education problems at Harvard University School of Public Health in Boston on May 8th. Captain Larimore outlined the Army's health education program and discussed certain methods and procedures which have evolved out of the vast experience that the Army has had since the start of the War in teaching troops how to maintain and protect their health.

## Refresher Training for Army Dentists

Refresher professional training has been authorized for officers of the Army Dental Corps who have been assigned to other than professional duties or who have been limited to one phase of dentistry for a year or more. Priority will be given those who have served overseas.

This training, which is voluntary, is not intended for dental officers desiring to specialize but provides about three months rotation in all phases of general service. Requests must be initiated by the individual officers concerned and submitted through channels.

## GENERAL LULL ATTENDS PHYSICAL FITNESS CONFERENCE

Major General George F. Lull, USA, Deputy Surgeon General, attended the recent meeting in Chicago of the Joint Committee on Physical Fitness as a member of the Executive Committee. The meeting was devoted to a conference on standards of physical fitness.

The Joint Committee, which represents the American Medical Association and the National Committee on Physical Fitness of the Federal Security Agency, was formed as a result of the "appalling need" for increased physical fitness of civilians which was revealed by Selective Service rejections and health statistics. Colonel Leonard G. Rowntree, MC, Chief of the Medical Department of Selective Service, is Chairman of the Committee. The movement is enlisting the support of schools and colleges, industry, medical and national organizations.

## BRITISH GRATEFUL FOR "DEVOTED CARE"

Surgeon General Norman T. Kirk has received a copy of a formal letter of appreciation written by Lieutenant General G. N. MacReady of the British Joint Staff Mission, on the liberation of British prisoners of war in the Philippines. General Sir Ronald S. Adam, Adjutant General to the Forces is quoted in the letter as stating that all British prisoners liberated from Cabanatuan and Bilibid "speak in glowing terms of the devoted care given to them by American troops after their release, as well as of the excellent administrative and medical arrangements made in the S. W. P. A. and U. S. A. for their homecoming." The letter conveys "the deep appreciation and warm thanks" of the British Army Council to all concerned.



### Colonel Steger Wins Legion of Merit

Colonel Byron L. Steger, MC, Commanding Officer of the 51st General Hospital in the Southwest Pacific, has been awarded the Legion of Merit. The medal was given in recognition of his services from November 1942 to October 1943 when he was Director of Medical Training at the Army Service Forces Unit Training Center, New Orleans, La.

### RESULTS OF OVERSEAS ORTHOPEDIC PROCEDURES STUDIED HERE BY COLONEL HAMPTON

Lieutenant Colonel Oscar Hampton, MC, Consultant in Orthopedic Surgery in the Mediterranean Theater of Operations, who has been on temporary duty at the Office of The Surgeon General, recently visited 23 general hospitals in this country where he studied fracture and orthopedic cases which had received initial and reparative surgery in MTO, to determine the effectiveness of the procedures used overseas in the light of the end results obtained here.

Colonel Hampton, whose home is St. Louis, Mo., went overseas originally as Chief of Orthopedic Section of the 21st General Hospital, Washington University Affiliate. He has served overseas 23 months -- the last 18 months in his present assignment.

### Headquarters Detachment, 1386th Service Command Unit, Honored

The Meritorious Service Unit Plaque has been awarded the 1386th Service Command Unit, Deshon General Hospital, Butler, Pa., "for superior performance of duty by the Headquarters Detachment in the performance of exceptionally difficult tasks, achievement and maintenance of a high standard of discipline during the period 1 July through 30 November 1944."